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Environmental Management Recovery Act

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Communicate. Communicate. Communicate.

A **Recovery Act Information Exchange Meeting** was held in Washington, DC on August 4 and 5 to support successful Recovery Act implementation at DOE. Sponsored by the DOE Richland Operations Office and organized and facilitated by CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation Company (PRC), the workshop was attended by federal and contractor staff from a number of DOE sites.

John Lehew, President and Chief Executive Officer of CH2M HILL PRC, introduced **Cynthia Anderson, Deputy Chief Operations Officer for the EM Recovery Act Program**, who expressed appreciation to attendees and reminded participants that the purpose of the Recovery Act is to **create jobs while addressing EM legacy work, closing small sites and reducing EM's footprint**. Anderson also noted that training for new employees not only supports the accomplishment of EM work, but also **helps individuals develop their careers** within the DOE

DOE EM Recovery Act Information Exchange Meeting August 4-5, 2009

The purpose of this workshop was to facilitate the communication and rapid sharing of lessons learned among sites and contractors receiving Recovery Act funding, identify what has worked well, identify the greatest upcoming challenges, and develop recommendations to address those challenges.

Key Workshop Themes

- Vigorous Safety Culture
- Transparency
- Proactive Communication
- Recruiting & Training of Workers
- Solid Performance
- Risk Management



complex and the broader nuclear industry. Anderson emphasized the **importance of communicating** across the complex, communicating with stakeholders and regulators, and communicating with the public.

Workshop participants heard similar themes from other speakers.

- **Matt Rogers, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Energy**, noted how important EM's Recovery Act work is in **putting people back to work**. "You have done a terrific job at getting underway," Mr. Rogers said to the participants, "thanks for executing, telling the story well, and for the impact you are going to make."
- **Dr. Inés Triay, Assistant Secretary for EM**, emphasized the **priority of working safely** saying, "At the end of the day, every employee should go home as healthy and as fit as when they went to work." She said EM's mandate is to

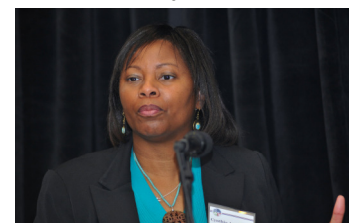


Dr. Inés Triay, Assistant Secretary
for EM

create jobs quickly, where possible, and at the same time, deliver projects on time and within budget. Triay also described EM's goal to use small businesses as much as possible to conduct Recovery Act work.

- **Dave Brockman, Manager of DOE's Richland Operations Office**, encouraged all parties to raise issues and **work towards resolution** of those issues.

In addition, **Howard Dickenson, from DOE's Office of the Chief Financial Officer**, provided up-to-date information on Recovery Act reporting requirements and **Michael York, from DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**, provided an overview of Recovery Act work in other DOE programs. Other speakers covered topics including contracts, financial reporting, compliance, project management, planning for 2012 and the status and plans for site-specific Recovery Act work.



Cynthia Anderson, Deputy Chief
Operations Officer, EM Recovery Act
Program

Breakout sessions gave workshop participants an opportunity to share insights gained over the last several months and to propose recommendations for the future. Smaller working groups will be formed following the workshop to continue **proactive engagement** between the contractors, federal staff and Headquarters.



EM Environmental Management

safety ✦ performance ✦ cleanup ✦ closure

For more information on EM Recovery Act, visit: www.em.doe.gov/emrecovery